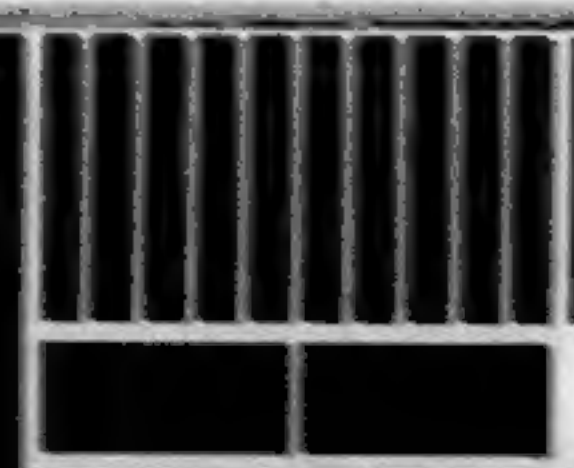


Rec^d Nov 4th
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Bristol

Uxbridge Oct 31st 1870.

Dr George Engelmann: dear Sir:

I take the liberty of writing to you and asking you to do me a favor because I know of no one else to whom I could go. I have been studying structural botany during the past year under the private teaching of Prof de Bary of Halle Germany and before I came away he requested me to undertake the investigation of the Azolla, especially with reference to the mode of its germinating from the spores. Under his direction I went as far as could be gone with only dried herbarium fruit to examine. And he told me that when I returned to America I might perhaps obtain some of the living plants from you, so as by cultivating them to have under my hand all the different stages of growth.



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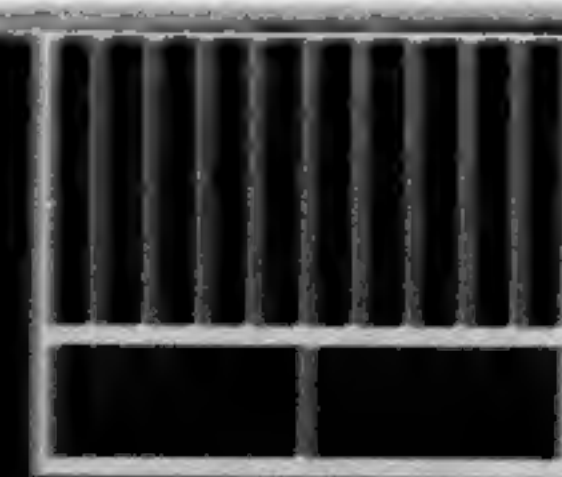
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Can you then send me a lot of these plants
put up in such a way as to come alive to me?
I will of course pay all expense incurred in
the transportation. I would very much like
it if I could get them this fall so that I
might be ready for their first starting in the
late winter or early spring.

If at the same time you would tell me in
what sort of water they grow, and give me
hints as to the most probable mode of successful
cultivation you would be doing me a great
favor. If there should be none of the plants
growing near you, could you send one dried
specimen to a brother of mine who is living
in Tipton, Cedar County Iowa. (Rev. George J.
Bisbee) so that he might know how it looked
and hunt for it in his neighborhood.

I am sorry to ask you to trouble yourself so
much for a stranger, but as I said in the
beginning I do not know of anybody else who can
help me, and I am anxious to get about the
work.

You will very much

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oblige by an early reply even if you can not
send the plants.

yours most respectfully

Thomas S. Briscoe.

Uxbridge,

Mass.



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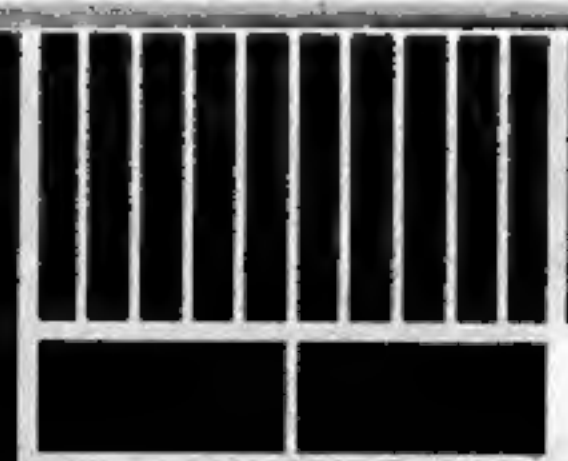
321. George St.
Cincinnati Oct 17, 1897

Dr. Engelman,

Dear Sir,

You may remember receiving a letter from Uxbridge Mass, about a year ago, in which inquiry was made concerning a water plant "*Azolla Caroliniana*". You replied that the severe drought of the preceding summer had destroyed the plants in the locality where you had been accustomed to find them.

Are they to be found this fall in your vicinity? I have come to Cincinnati to live; and have searched this neighborhood carefully for the past month in the hope that I might find the plant, but as yet I have been unsuccessful. I want very



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much to have the living plant this
winter growing in an aquarium, that
I may study their mode of reproduction.

Can you help me, either by sending
me plants from your vicinity or giving
me the names of gentlemen who might
be able to supply?

yours most respectfully,

Thomas D. Biscoe.

P.S. I will of course defray the expense
of sending to me by express; if you can
find the plants and will be so kind as
to be at the trouble of gathering and packing
them,



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Rec^d Nov 25
Answer by

Uxbridge Mass. Nov 21st 1872
Dr George Engelman
St Louis. Mo.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you again about "*Azolla Caroliniana*" but I would like to know whether it can now be obtained in the localities near you which have been dried up in previous seasons?

Can you give me the addresses of any botanists who do know where it can be had? I have as yet been unable to get the least trace of the plant.

Do you know whether any European parties have succeeded in getting any living specimens? You spoke of having several applications from abroad.

yours most truly
Thomas L. Biscoe



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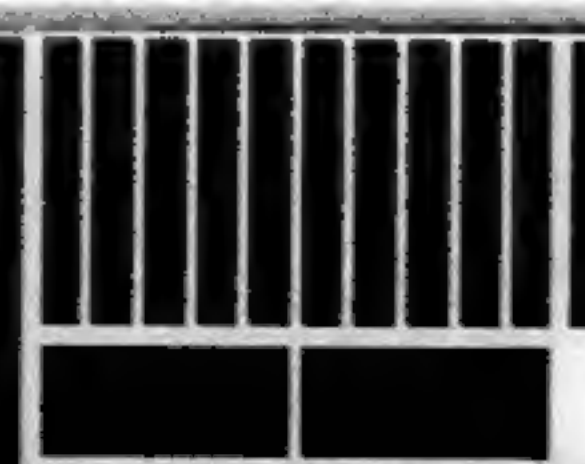
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